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1. The reorganization of the PCG (Partito Comunista Giuliano) has not yet reached an advanced stage. The intransigent attitude of Vidali in wanting freedom of action and independence from the Yugoslav Communist Party and the Yugoslav Government has resulted in a stiffening of the Slav and pro-Slav faction of the PCG. It is the erroneous belief of some observers that the large majority of the PCG members are Slovene, whereas they are almost all Italians, especially the intellectuals. Although many of the workers are of Slav origin they have been Italianized. Therefore the Slovene element represents only a small minority in the PCG.
2. It has been reported, but not confirmed, that this Slovene minority has asked to become independent of the PCG and form a local section of the Yugoslav Communist Party. It is very doubtful that this request will be granted as most of the workers would probably remain in the new PCG, thus showing that they are Italians and favorable to the Vidali policy of close collaboration with the PCI (Italian Communist Party). Furthermore, it is probable that the recent defeat in the workers' union election will strengthen Vidali's position.
3. Vidali is reported to be in Monfalcone at present. It is known that he is often in touch with Pratolongo, the Trieste representative of the PCI. It has also been noted that PCI officials are arriving in Trieste from Rome more frequently and more openly than before. It is significant that the Trieste Communist paper Lavoratore has come out recently with an editorial asking for union of all parties (including the Uomo Qualunque) and for an agreement with the former CLN (Committee of National Liberation). While there are no indications as yet as to the future policy of the PCG, a development such as the complete detachment of the PCG from the UAIS (Unione Anti-Fascista Italo-Slovena) is not to be precluded.

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- * [REDACTED] A Consulta of 100 members working under a Political Committee is reported to have replaced the CLN.)

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